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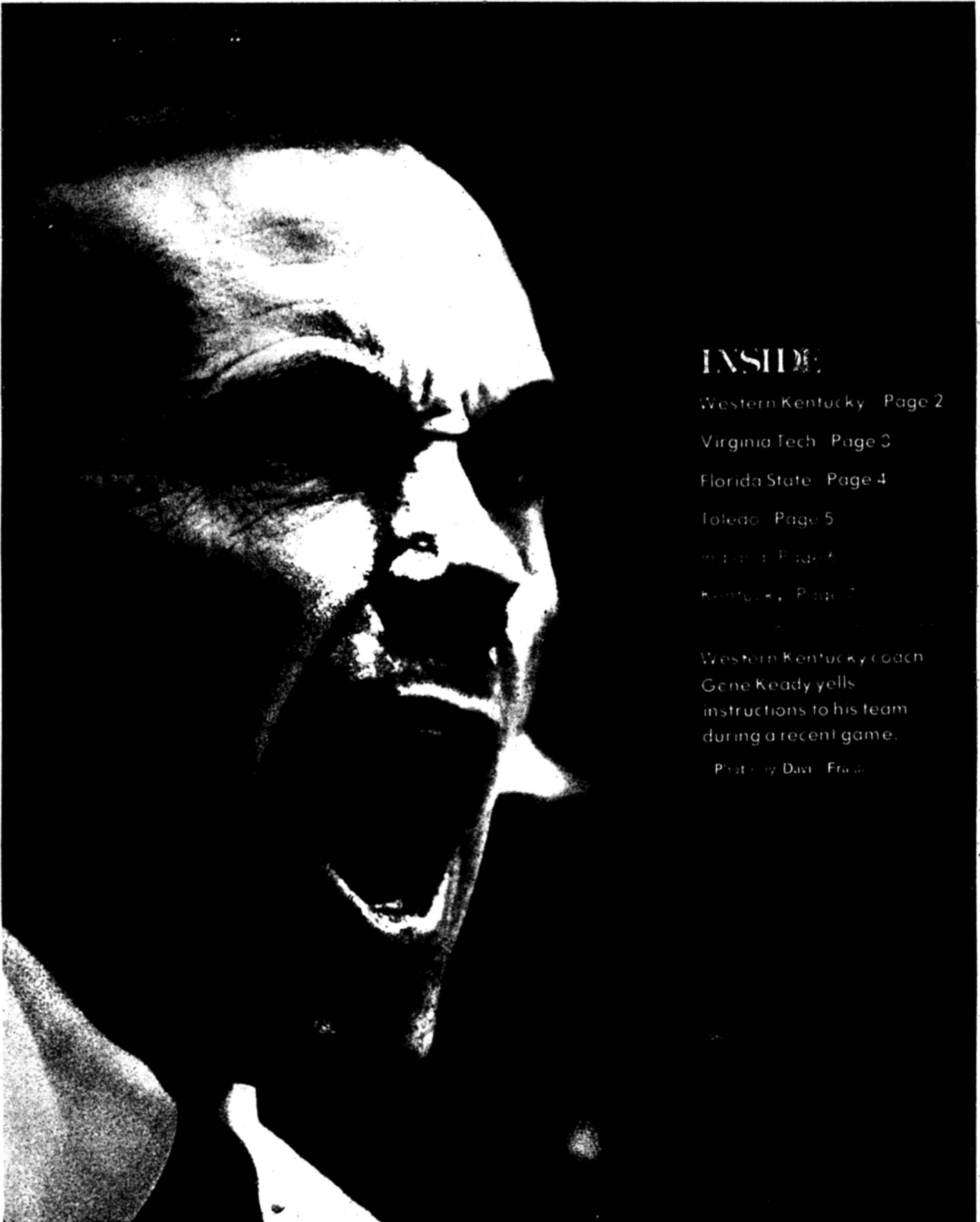
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Western Kentucky coach
Gene Keady yells
instructions to his team
during a recent game.

Photo by David Frazer

Tops need two good halves, Keady says

By TOMMY GEORGE

All Gene Keady wants out of his Hilltoppers tonight in the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament is 40 minutes of "good basketball."

Keady thinks two halves will make a whole—and a "whole" will mean a victory in Western's battle with Virginia Tech in the Mideast Regional's first-round action about 9:30 p.m. in Diddle Arena.

"We haven't played two good halves of basketball yet," Keady said. "We do it tonight and we beat Virginia Tech. They're a tough club, but they aren't unbeatable."

Western, 21-7, earned a tournament berth with a come-from-behind 54-51 victory over Murray last Saturday in the Ohio Valley Conference championship game. Keady says the road to the NCAA has been draining.

"With all the overtimes (three in the last four games) and down-to-the-wire games it's been quite tiresome," Keady said. "But believe me, it's not quite as draining as when you lose—these are the kinds of problems we like to face."

"We're happy with the draw," Keady added. "It couldn't be any better for us. And the big factor is that we're playing at home."

Keady's hoping that "big factor" will help offset Virginia Tech's awesome talent.

Tech's big men—Dale Solomon, a 6-foot, 8-inch sophomore forward, Wayne Robinson, a 6-9 senior center, and Les Henson, a 6-6 senior forward—combine for a 32-point average per game.

Tech's muscle worries Keady.

"They've changed from a transitional game they used last year to a game with emphasis on getting the ball inside," Keady said. "But they are talented—they're capable of going both ways."

But, Tech isn't without its weaknesses, and Keady isn't without a game plan. The Topper

Western Kentucky

head coach said a key to beating Tech is at the guard position.

"They can't match us at guard," Keady said, mentioning 6-5 seniors Trey Trumbo and Bill Bryant and 6-3 junior Mike Reese. "Our guards—whoever's in there—will have to take charge. It could be a big key."

Trumbo is averaging 8.3 points per game and has dished out 106 assists during the season. That's an average of 3.8 per game—fifth best in the OVC. Trumbo leads the Tops in free-throw shooting (79 percent).

Bryant, an All-OVC selection, ranks 14th in the league in scoring (12.1). Bryant is shooting 52 percent from the field and 72 percent from the line.

Reese, who Keady says "has come off the bench to give us a big scorer," averages 6.9 points per game.

Western's talent doesn't stop there.

Craig McCormick, an All-OVC choice and the conference tourney's most valuable player, leads the Tops in scoring (14.5), rebounds (6.6) and shooting percentage (62 percent). The

6-9½ McCormick will try to balance Tech's inside game with some muscle of his own.

Rounding out Western's starters will be 6-6 forward Mike Prince (8.4 points per game) and Jack Washington (9.2 points per game).

The Toppers are shooting 52 percent from the field, but could stand to improve from the free throw line. Keady's squad is only shooting 69 percent from the line, and finished near the bottom of the conference (sixth).

"Our bench will be a factor in any game we play," Keady said. "We don't have to depend on just the starters, because we can win with the guys on the side court."

Keady thinks a win in the first round of the tournament will boost OVC basketball and give Western the national exposure it needs in recruiting. "He thinks the Mideast Region will draw much attention, and that the national champion will come from this region."

Keady said, "It's very self-satisfying and rewarding to be in this tournament. Some teams might say, 'Hey! Being in it is good enough for me.'"

"We don't see it that way," Keady said. "If we stay hungry, and play 40 minutes of good basketball, we've got the chance to do well—real well."



Craig McCormick, Western's leading scorer with a 14.5 average, dunks against Murray State. Western plays Virginia Tech tonight at 9:30 in a first round NCAA game at Diddle Arena.

Western

12-2 Ohio Valley Conference

21-7 overall

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Reb.	Pts.
11	G	Silly Bryant	6-5	4.0	12.1
15	G	Kurtis Townsend	6-1	0.5	2.2
20	G	Mike Reese	6-3	1.6	6.9
22	G	Grey Burbach	6-4	0.2	0.6
25	F	Kenny Ellis	6-4	0.7	1.6
30	G	Trey Trumbo	6-5	4.1	8.3
31	F	Mike Prince	6-6	2.1	8.4
33	F	Tony Wilson	6-7	3.3	6.1
34	F	Jack Washington	6-5	6.1	9.2
35	C-F	Rick Wray	6-8	2.4	4.8
41	G-F	Kevin Dildy	6-3	1.8	3.7
42	C	Craig McCormick	6-9	6.6	14.5
55	C	Alex Mosley	6-10	0.7	0.6

Tourney gets TV coverage

By TOMMY GEORGE

The Mideast Regional will be in the television spotlight beginning with tonight's opening-round action of the NCAA tournament.

WBKO-13, via NCAA Productions Inc., will televise the Florida State-Toledo game at 7 p.m. The Western-Virginia Tech game will begin shortly after 9:30 p.m.

The announcers for both games will be Larry Conley and Fred White.

Even if Western beats Tech, its noon game against Indiana on Sunday will not be telecast by

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Two in a row

Gobblers return to NCAA
balanced, not overpowering

By MARK HEATH

A balanced Virginia Tech team will face Western tonight in Diddle Arena as the Gobblers make their second NCAA tournament appearance in two years.

The Gobblers, last year's Metro Conference tournament champions, have a 20-7 record and finished second in the Metro regular season before losing to Cincinnati in the first round of the Metro tourney.

"We are just happy to be in it (the tournament)," coach Charles Moir said. "Of course, when you have to play on a home team's floor, you are never completely happy. Western is awfully tough in Bowling Green, and we will have to play awfully good."

Moir said Tech is averaging about 75 points a game. He said the team sets its plays up but

Virginia Tech

takes advantage of chances to run.

"We are not real rip and run," Moir said. "We will set up. We are shooting about 50 percent on the year."

The team is basically about even on rebounding against opponents, Moir said. "We have let inferior teams outrebound us because of not blocking out," Moir said. "We have outrebounded some good clubs, we outrebounded Louisville. Overall we are a common club. We are not overpowering."

Moir listed two team weaknesses: lack of quickness and

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Virginia Tech

8-4 Metro Conference

20-7 overall

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Reb.	Pts.
10	G	Page Moir	5-11	0.6	0.6
11	G	Dexter Reid	6-1	2.7	5.5
14	G	Mark Shrader	5-11	0.3	1.7
15	G	Chris Scott	6-3	1.3	2.8
21	F	Les Henson	6-6	5.1	14.0
23	G	Reggie Steppe	6-0	0.9	4.1
24	G	Jeff Schneider	6-4	1.6	8.9
25	F	Michael Cooke	6-5	1.9	2.9
32	F	Gordy Bryan	6-8	2.0	3.6
35	F-C	Dale Solomon	6-8	7.6	16.7
40	F-C	Wayne Robinson	6-9	8.2	15.3
44	F	David Bennett	6-6	1.6	1.1
50	C	John Hillenbrand	6-9	2.1	3.3

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Season mark slips to 21-8

Bad luck at games' end hurt record, coach says

By LINDA YOUNKIN

The Florida State Seminoles enter the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament with a 21-8 record, but some bad luck at the end of games has kept the record from being better.

Florida State meets the University of Toledo Rockets at 7 tonight.

"We had an awful lot of close games that were overtime or decided in the last seconds," second-year coach Joe Williams said.

Florida State has lost to Metro member Virginia Tech twice by two points. Les Henson's 89-foot-plus shot set a world record and gave Tech a 79-77 victory. With one or two seconds to go in the other game, "we missed two tips," Williams said.

Florida State is known as a running team and starts three guards: Bobby Parks, Tony Jackson and Mickey Dillard.

"Tony Jackson is kind of our team leader," Williams said. A senior from Lexington Bryan Station, he is the team's point guard and has been captain for the past two seasons. He is averaging 5.7 points and 2.4 rebounds this year.

His 204 assists lead the team this season by a wide margin. Park's 80 are second on the team.

Florida State

For the past three years, the Seminoles have made the finals of the Metro Tournament but have never won.

The Seminoles were leading Louisville, 42-37, in the second half of this year's championship, when the Cardinals outscored them 18-3 in 5½ minutes. Louisville won, 81-72.

Louisville also defeated Florida State in 1978. Tech won the championship game in 1979.

Mickey Dillard leads the team in scoring this season with a 20.4 average. Dillard, a junior, has come back strong after missing last season because of a broken leg.

Parks, at 5-11, is the Seminoles' shortest starter. His 8.3 scoring average is fourth on the team.

Murray Brown, a 6-8 forward, led all NCAA players last year in field goal percentage, connecting on 69.1 percent of his shots. This season, he is the team's second leading scorer at 18.3 and is shooting 63.7 percent from the field.

A transfer from Oral Roberts

University, center Elvis Rolle is the other team member averaging in double figures at 15.3. He is shooting 61 percent from the field and was named to the all-tournament team.

Williams said he has not decided on his starting line up for tonight's game.

In the Metro tournament championship game against Louisville, Williams started 6-4 sophomore guard Rodney Arnold.

"We did it in the last game (of the tournament) for size," Williams said. Of Parks, Dillard and Jackson, Williams said, "They're quick, small passing guards. People take advantage of us defensively."

Arnold, a transfer from Furman who became eligible in December, added more height to the line up. He has not seen much playing time because of an injury this season.

This won't be Williams' first trip to the NCAA. In fact, in 1969-70 his Jacksonville University team had a 27-2 season and was runner-up to UCLA.

Williams said Toledo is a ball control type team that is in contrast to his team's running game.

"They have a good record," Williams said. "They're an excellent team."

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Florida State

7-5 Metro Conference

21-8 overall

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Reb.	Pts.
3	G	Marvin Haynes	6-2	0.2	0.6
10	G	Rodney Arnold	6-4	1.2	7.6
11	G	Bobby Parks	5-11	2.3	8.3
12	F-G	Ed Young	6-3	0.2	0.7
22	G	Mickey Dillard	6-3	4.1	20.4
23	G	Tony Jackson	6-0	2.4	5.7
24	F	G. Collinsworth	6-5	1.0	1.2
34	F	Murray Brown	6-8	7.7	18.3
35	G	Jerry Cox	6-4	0.6	1.0
42	C	Elvis Rolle	6-10	7.9	15.3
54	F	Pernell Tookes	6-6	3.6	4.2



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Balanced

Scoring and defense team's top assets

By TIM MCKENZIE

The Toledo Rockets will go into post-season National Collegiate Athletic Association action for the second straight season when they face the Florida State Seminoles in the first round of the Mideast Regional.

The Rockets bring a 23-5 record into Diddle Arena along with a

Toledo

Mid-American Conference championship.

All five Rockets starters are averaging in double figures. Jim Swaney, a 6-foot, 7½-inch senior, averages 18.9 points per game and is second in rebounding with an 8.7 average.

The leading rebounder for the Rockets is 6-7½ center Dick Miller. The senior from Milwaukee averages 9.9 rebounds per game and is second in scoring with 14.2 points.

The guards will be senior Tim Selgo, averaging 12.8 points per game, and Jay Lehman, who averages 10.1 per game. The other starter is forward Harvey Knuckles, a 6-6 junior who averages 13.6 points per game and 5.6 rebounds.

Toledo coach Robert Nichols considers the Rockets' defense and balanced scoring "our two biggest assets."

Nichols promised that the Rockets would play a much different style than Florida State. "We don't run, to speak of," he said, "and we try to get the good-looking shot most of the time."

Nichols said he expects the Seminoles to play a much faster style and to be a much bigger team, although he admits that he knows very little about his opponent.

"But we do know that they are very quick and will score a lot of



Toledo's Jim Swaney tries to score against Bowling Green.

points," Nichols said. "They also have a very high field goal percentage."

The Rockets finished the season with just two conference losses. The first was at Bowling Green State, 74-71, and the second was at Kent State, 83-73. Nichols said that Swaney was hurt during the Kent State game,

"but we played poorly that night."

In the first game of the Mid-American Conference tournament, the Rockets defeated Ball State for the third time this season.

In the tournament final, Toledo

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Indiana's Mike Woodson drives against a Big 10 opponent in the Hoosier's Assembly Hall. Woodson recovered from an early season back injury to lead Indiana to an NCAA bid.

Hoosiers' Bobby Knight: a madman or a genius?

By ALAN JUDD

Indiana head basketball coach Bobby Knight has been called profane, brutish, blasphemous—"a vulgar lout" who berates his players, Indiana fans, the press and his opponents with equal intensity.

Even his friends admit that Knight isn't exactly a candidate for nice guy of the year. "Remember," one of Knight's friends was once quoted by The Washington Post as saying, "under that surface veneer of meanness lies a really thick layer of more meanness."

But even many of the same people who call Knight those nasty names also call him a magician, a wizard who can coach basketball as good as or better than any other man in the country.

So if Knight is a maniac, he is also a genius.

In nine seasons at Indiana, Knight's teams have won about 80 percent of their games. His 1976 team went undefeated and won the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship. Last year the Hoosiers won eight of their last nine games on their way to a National

Indiana

Invitation Tournament title. That was a few months after Knight had kicked three players—including star guard Tommy Baker—off the team.

And this season has been a test of Knight's coaching abilities. His team started the season No. 1 nationally, lost some games and its best player, dropped out of the top 20 temporarily and finally struggled its way back to respectability, a 20-7 record and, most important, a Big 10 championship.

Of all the things that Knight is, there is something else he isn't—accessible, especially to the press.

The basketball office at IU has a press liaison named Anne Bastianelli who, among other things, sets up interviews for Knight—the few he gives.

"We've cut off all interviews until after the fact," Ms. Bastianelli said by telephone from Bloomington the other day. "We won't be doing anything prior to these games. It's a policy

we've stuck with in these post-season games."

She explained that requests for interviews are so numerous that Knight, his assistants and his players wouldn't have time to get ready for the tournament game—at 12:07 Sunday afternoon they play the winner of tonight's Western-Virginia Tech game—if they had to talk to the media. Hence the official silence.

"All the energies are directed in one place," Ms. Bastianelli said. This has been a season like that for Knight.

Six games into the year, six-foot, five-inch, 198-pound senior forward Mike Woodson was injured, and he underwent back surgery Dec. 27. Doctors said he was out for the season.

Things looked bad, but Knight apparently didn't give up, even though without Woodson, the Hoosiers lost four conference games and seemed to be out of the Big-10 race, because Purdue and Ohio State and practically everybody else in the conference were sporting their strongest teams in years.

But Woodson returned for the

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Tradition

Wildcats' present is as good as their illustrious past



Photo by Lewis Gardner

All-American Kyle Macy goes up for a jump shot against Auburn. Macy leads Kentucky in scoring and assists.

By KEVIN STEWART

If anything's for certain that Kentucky has going for it when it starts NCAA Midwest Regional play here Sunday, it's tradition.

Never mind that the Wildcats are the nation's fourth-ranked team with a 28-5 record and are the Southeastern Conference regular season champions.

When the Cats play, people want to see them, because the Cats produce. An indication of that became apparent in Bowling Green last week when the prices being paid ticket scalpers for Sunday's game started skyrocketing after the announcement that Kentucky would play here.

The Wildcats have made a record 24 NCAA appearances, winning 42 games and losing 21. That includes five national championships—in 1948, 1949, 1951, 1958 and 1978.

Kentucky has won a record 1,223 games, 880 of those coming under the guide of the late Adolph Rupp.

Kentucky

Rupp developed Kentucky's winning tradition. When the Baron retired from coaching at age 70 in 1972, he had won an amazing 82 percent of his games.

When Rupp retired, Kentucky fans worried that no heir to the Kentucky legacy could do the job that Rupp had done. But they worried needlessly.

Unlike such schools as UCLA and Marquette where success subsided after coaches John Wooden and Al McGuire, respectively, retired, Kentucky has continued winning under the direction of Joe B. Hall.

Since following Rupp in 1973, Hall has won 182 games, including one NCAA championship and one National Invitation Tournament championship.

Hall, however, is cautious, like any good coach, when he talks of his team's chances in Sunday's game.

"We'll have a very difficult

time with the winner of the Toledo and Florida State game," Hall said. "Whoever you play in the first game of the tournament is always tough."

Hall probably knows as well as anyone that this is true. Despite a sub-par season last year (19-12) Kentucky was a clear favorite to beat Clemson in an opening round NIT game and perhaps capture its third NIT title. But the Atlantic Coast Conference team defeated the Wildcats, 68-67, in overtime at Rupp Arena to end Kentucky's season.

To add to the difficulty in winning an NCAA title, eight teams have been added to this year's field, making a total of 48 teams. More teams means more upsets, and Hall said he clearly sees the task ahead of him.

"The teams are all tough," he said. "Any team that plays with consistency in the tournament is a potential winner."

"Nationally, the whole country is balanced. Any of 15 or 20

See STRONG

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Kentucky

17-4 Southeastern Conference

28-5 overall

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Reb.	Pts.
4	G	Kyle Macy	6-3	2.4	15.7
10	G	Dirk Minniefeld	6-3	1.9	5.1
12	G	Bo Lanter	6-1	0.6	0.8
15	G	Chris Gettelfinger	6-2	0.3	1.1
25	G	Jay Shidler	6-1	1.3	6.2
31	C	Sam Bowie	7-1	8.2	13.3
32	F	Derrick Hord	6-6	2.9	5.9
33	F	Tom Heitz	6-8	0.8	1.2
34	F	Chuck Verderber	6-6	2.1	2.9
40	F	Fred Cowan	6-8	5.7	12.0
44	F	Charles Hurt	6-6	2.9	3.8
52	F	LaVon Williams	6-7	5.1	7.4

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Woodson return boosts Indiana

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last six games, and the Hoosiers responded with wins in the last five, including a 76-73 overtime victory over Ohio State in a game that decided the Big 10 title.

Woodson had 21 points in that game, as did freshman Isiah Thomas, a 6-1, 185-pound guard who many people give credit for holding the team together after Woodson was injured.

Thomas averaged 13.9 points per game, second on the team to Woodson's 20.3 average. The only Indiana player to start every game, Thomas was second on the team in rebounds, fourth, in field-goal percentage and first in assists with 147. He also stole the ball 61 times.

The other starting guard, 6-5 200-pound senior Butch Carter, averaged 11.2 points per game. He hit two free throws against Ohio State near the end of regulation play that put the game into overtime. Of the starters, he is the best shooter, hitting 54.8 percent of his shots from the field.

Center-forward Ray Tolbert, a 6-9, 218-pound junior, is the other Hoosier to average in double figures with 10.4 per game.

Forward Steve Bouchie, a 6-8, 220-pound freshman, is injured and is "questionable" for Sunday's NCAA game, said Kit

Klingelhoffer, IU's assistant sports information director.

In the Ohio State game, which Bouchie missed, the other forward spot was filled by both 6-8 Steve Risley and 6-10 Landon Turner.

Defense and ball control have always been the mark of Knight's teams, and the 1980 team is no different. The Hoosiers have averaged 68.2 points per game, while giving up 61.5. Their average margin of victory in the Big 10 was just 2.5 points per game.

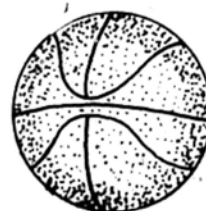
Knight's strategy for the Mideast Regional games is a question a lot of people would like answered.

Ms. Bastianelli agreed that "from a media standpoint, it's very frustrating. But you have to understand our point of view."

It should be noted that Knight has been quite tolerant of the press this year. Except for run-ins with Sports Illustrated, Knight reportedly has been open, witty and even, at times, charming.

And Sunday night, millions of television viewers will get a chance to see Knight profiled on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes." Then, maybe once and for all, everyone can decide whether, deep down, Bobby Knight is actually a madman or a genius.

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Indiana

13-5 Big Ten

20-7 overall

No.	Pos.	Player	Ht.	Reb.	Pts.
11	G	Isiah Thomas	6-1	4.1	13.9
20	G	Jim Thomas	6-3	1.5	2.6
23	G	Chuck Franz	6-2	0.6	0.7
30	F	Ted Kitchel	6-8	1.2	1.7
31	G	Tony Brown	6-2	0.8	0.9
32	F-C	Landon Turner	6-10	4.5	7.8
34	F	Steve Risley	6-8	1.7	2.6
40	F	Glen Grunwald	6-9	1.1	1.6
41	G	Butch Carter	6-5	3.4	11.2
42	F	Mike Woodson	6-5	3.3	20.3
44	F	Phil Isenbarger	6-8	1.6	2.9
45	F-C	Ray Tolbert	6-9	7.2	10.4
54	F	Steve Bouchie	6-8	3.7	6.5

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Strong Wildcats led by All-America Macy

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teams can win."

But if any team can be considered to win the tournament, especially the Mideast Regional, it's Kentucky.

If Kentucky wins in Diddle Arena Sunday, where Kentucky fans will easily outnumber fans of any team it plays, it will go to the Mideast Regional semifinals and finals in, of all places, Rupp Arena, Kentucky's 23,500-seat home.

The strengths that mark this year's Kentucky team are balance, depth and an almost perfect court leader.

A characteristic of championship teams the past few years is balanced scoring. Kentucky has three players in double figures led by Kyle Macy (15.7), Sam Bowie (13.3) and Freddie Cowan (12).

After those, four more players average better than five points per outing.

As many coaches have said, Kentucky loses very little when substitutes come into a game. Of Kentucky's 12 players, nine have played in at least 32 of Kentucky's 33 games.

The glue that holds the team together is Macy, everybody's All-American. He was recently named first-team All-America by The Associated Press, and he has the statistics to prove he deserved it.

Rockets enter tourney with balanced scoring

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won the rubber game with Bowling Green, 85-70.

Nichols said he was looking forward to coming to Western for the tournament and considered it "quite an honor to be here."

Asked about the possibility of playing fourth-ranked Kentucky, Nichols replied, "We would like to get to play them, but we would play anyone because we enjoy basketball."

Nichols said no one player leads his team. "We have a very balanced ball club."

Nichols said the Rockets haven't had any serious problems

The 6-foot, 3-inch senior from Peru, Ind., has logged 262 more minutes of playing time than any other Wildcat—more than four whole games of playing time.

He's hit more than 53 percent of his shots from the field, which is considered superior for a guard. He's also hit 100 of 110 free throws for a 91 percent average and has dished out 259 assists.

Another key to the Wildcats is the play of 7-1 freshman center Bowie. Although at times early this season Bowie was hardly noticeable on the court, he has since become one of the most productive Wildcats. Bowie could be a key to Kentucky's tournament play, and Hall said he thinks Bowie is getting better by the minute.

"Sam's improved 100 percent this season," Hall said, "and he continues to improve with every game."

So Kentucky appears ready to roll, but as it has been in so many games this season, Kentucky rolls when Macy rolls.

"We weren't at our peak in the SEC tournament (where Kentucky lost to Louisiana State), but we appeared to be right before that," Hall said. "Of course, Kyle Macy was sick during the tournament and he wasn't before then. We hope that Kyle is feeling better for the NCAA."

with foul trouble all season. "If we lose a player, the others would pick up the slack," he added.

The only nationally ranked team Toledo has faced this season is Indiana. The Rockets lost, 80-56.

"We didn't play that badly," Nichols said of the game in which his team shot a season low 39.2 percent. "It is just that we didn't play as well as we were capable of, and that was caused by their good defense."

The Rockets defeated Iowa last year in the first round of the NCAA tournament before dropping a seven-point decision to Notre Dame in the second round.

Toledo

13-2 Mid-American Conference

23-5 overall

20	G	Tim Selgo	6-2	1.8	12.8
23	G	Mitch Seeman	6-1	0.2	0.8
24	F	Brad Reiger	6-0	0.4	1.1
25	F	Harvey Knuckles	6-8	5.6	13.6
31	F	Mitchell Adamek	6-6	2.0	1.8
33	C	Dick Miller	6-7	9.9	14.2
34	F	Dan Boyle	6-6	1.1	1.5
40	F	Jim Swaney	6-7	8.7	18.9
43	F	Jay Lehman	5-11	1.3	10.1
44	F	Dave Rieker	6-6	0.7	2.2
45	C	Ken Montague	6-7	1.6	3.2

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Solomon leads Gobblers

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lack of the ability to come from behind.

"We have a good ball club," Moir said. "Last year's team was quicker. When we get down we don't come back as quick. We can't afford to get behind. We have got to shoot the ball well."

Moir said the team has trouble coming back because it is often unable to apply pressure to its opponents.

Tech has lost four of its last seven games. Moir said the team played well in three of those games against good competition.

The Gobblers fell to Louisville twice, including a 56-54 overtime loss. The Gobblers also lost to Memphis State, 65-63, in overtime.

In the team's last game, the opening round of the Metro tournament, Tech dropped a 14-point decision, 65-51, to Cincinnati.

In last year's NCAA tourney, Tech beat Jacksonville, 70-53, in the first round before losing to national runner-up Indiana State, 85-69.

The Gobblers also appeared in the 1976 tournament, losing in the first round to Western Michigan, 77-67, in overtime. In 1977, Tech beat Georgetown, 83-79, in the National Invitation Tournament and lost to Alabama, 79-72.

Moir believes the Gobblers have as good a chance as anybody to win this year's tournament.

"There are some favorites," he said. "If you are in the final 48, you have a shot at it. I am sure Western feels the same way because they have a good ball club. If you have a bad night, you pack it up for the year."

Tech has three starters in double figures, including last year's Metro freshman of the year, Dale Solomon.

Solomon was the first freshman to make the Metro All-Tournament team, averaging 17.8 and shooting 56 percent from the field. This year the 6-foot, 8-inch sophomore is averaging 16.7 points and pulling down 7.6 rebounds.

"Solomon is a strong player and good shooter," Moir said. "He is a good all-around ball player. He is a better defensive player this year and a better passer."

Wayne Robinson is the team's leading rebounder with 8.2 per game. The 6-9½ senior is the team's second leading scorer with 15.3 a game.

Les Henson is the third Tech

starter to average in double figures. Henson, a 6-6 forward, averages 14 points and 5.1 rebounds per game.

"We are not a one-man ball club," Moir said. "Our reserves can score. We feel that they can, and if a player gets the hot hand we get the ball to him."

Moir believes his team matches up pretty well with Western. He said that although the team has a slight advantage in the front court, he believes Western has the advantage at guard.

Tech's guards are 6-1 Dexter Reid and 6-4 Jeff Schneider. Both Western guards, Billy Bryant and Trey Trumbo, are 6-5.

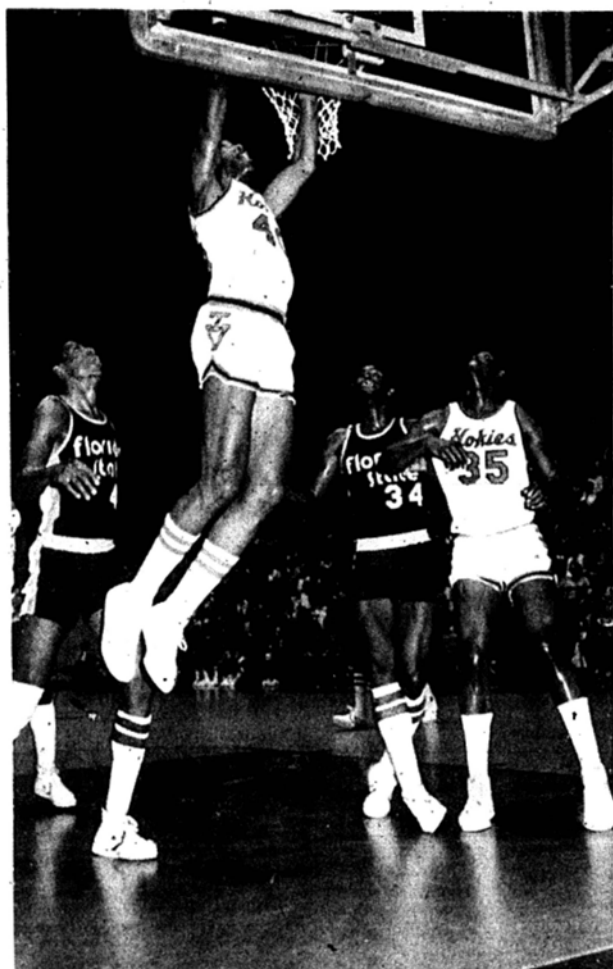
"Bryant is awfully quick for 6-5," Moir said. "They (Western) have good athletes. Overall it appears to be a good matchup, though I haven't seen them play except on television. That home crowd can make the home team play a little better."

Moir said that Tech is physically in good shape. "If both teams play well, it should be a great ball game."

Coach ties tourney record

Florida State Coach Joe Williams will become the second coach in National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament history to take three different schools to the National tournament when the Seminoles face Toledo in tonight's opening

game. Williams joins retired coach Frank McGuire as the only coach to take three teams to the tournament. Williams coached Jacksonville to the tournament in 1970 and led Furman to five NCAA appearances in 1971, 1974, 1975 and 1978.



Virginia Tech's Wayne Robinson scores against Florida State. Robinson leads the Gobblers in rebounding with 8.2 per game and is second in scoring with 15.3 points.

NBC to telecast on Sunday

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Channel 13. The National Broadcasting Co. will feature Sunday's games; however, the closest affiliates to Bowling Green carrying the broadcast are WPSD-6 in Paducah and WAVE-3 in Louisville.

"We would have liked to telecast the games, but we don't have the rights," said Gene Prather, Channel 13 program director. They station is an American Broadcasting Co. affiliate. "Our ability to get Friday's games is only because the NCAA is doing the telecast."

NBC's broadcast on Sunday—which will feature Indiana and Kentucky against Friday's winners—will bring national exposure to Diddle Arena.

Don Criqui and Billy Packer, two of the network's top announcers, will cover the games here. Jim Marooney, a 15-year member of NBC and former assistant director, will be producer of NBC's efforts. Marooney, 42, is one of eight NBC producers working the NCAA tournament.

"We're looking forward to coming to Bowling Green," Marooney said by phone from New York. "Most of us have never been there but we've heard a lot about it."

Julian Goodman (former

chairman of NBC and a Western graduate) seems to be very proud of his roots there," Marooney said. "He's one of the great executives of the age, and everybody here loves him. So coming to Western Kentucky provides a little sentimentality for us."

Goodman is also the cousin of former president Dero Downing.

Marooney said a crew of about 45, including cameramen, video and sound men and maintenance men will be here Sunday. Marooney added that a backup crew in New York would insert specials, commercials and other intermission devices.

"This will be Criqui's first time covering the NCAA. Packer has done hundreds," Marooney said.

"They're two of our best announcers along with (Dick) Enberg and (Al) McGuire."

Marooney expects NBC's biggest audience for Sunday's Indiana vs. Western or Virginia Tech. He said that game will be telecast across more regions of the country.

"I get blamed for everything," Marooney said. "Our success will depend on the pictures' total look, the sound and on working cooperations."

"Unlike any other sport, maybe including pro football, the NCAA presents tremendous response," Marooney said. "This is really a national tournament."



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